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Federal Communication Commission
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Re: MM Docket No. 99-25

I am the Fire Marshal for our fire district which includes The Dalles, OR and the surrounding area. Part of my job involves public education and media coordination during emergencies.

It is my understanding that you propose to add additional low-power stations throughout the country. In my opinion this will create additional problems in public notification during an emergency. It will involve trying to contact more stations to notify the same number of people. I feel this may create a larger time lag in notifying the public and in keeping them abreast of information they may need to be safe during an emergency.

I am not against adding competition for the current stations, but do want to be assured all stations will follow the same rules that are required now.

As you make your decisions, please consider the problems you will possibly create during times of emergencies.

Thank you,


C E Norris

Division Chief/Fire Marshal

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